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The Honorable Michael J. Harrington House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Harrington:

In reply to your 12 January 1973 letter, I am pleased to inform you that this Agency had no "public relations" budget in Fiscal Year 1972 or 1973.

Sincerely,

Fichard Helms

Richard Helms Director

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

January 12, 1973

The Honorable Richard Helmes Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20506

Dear Mr. Helmes:

One of the most important issues confronting both the Executive Branch and the Congress is the concern for limiting government expenditures in order to stem inflation.

I have been studying the budgets of various departments and programs in order to get a better idea, for myself, of the purposes for which our tax dollars are being committed.

One area of interest to me is that of government public relations expenditures. Unfortunately, the budget material available to me does not provide clear breakdowns of public relations budgeting.

Therefore, I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide me with as detailed an account as possible of your agencies public relations budget for Fiscal Year 1972.

I realize that "public relations" is a very vague term, but I am primarily interested in those expenditures used to disseminate news on your agency's activities to the Congress and the public, and in those expenditures used to enhance the image of your agency with the public and the Congress.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Michael J. Harrington

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